

# CITY OF DUNKIRK

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### Narrative Information Sheet

**1. Applicant Identification:**

City of Dunkirk

342 Central Ave.

Dunkirk, NY 14048

**2. Funding Requested:**

a) **Assessment Grant Type:** Community-wide

b) **Federal Funds Requested:**

i. \$300,000

ii. The City of Dunkirk is not requesting a Site-specific Assessment Grant waiver of the \$200,000 limit.

c) **Contamination:** Hazardous substances (\$104,500) and Petroleum (\$195,500)

**3. Location:** City of Dunkirk, Chautauqua County, New York

**4. Property Information for Site-Specific Applications:** Not a site-specific proposal

**5. Contacts:**

a) **Project Director:** Ms. Rebecca Wurster, the City of Dunkirk Planning and Development Director will serve as the Project Director for this proposal. Ms. Wurster's contact information is as follows: Phone: 716-366-9879, Email: [rwurster@cityofdunkirk.com](mailto:rwurster@cityofdunkirk.com), Mailing address: 338 Central Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048.

b) **Highest Ranking Elected Official:** Dunkirk Mayor Wilfred Rosas serves as the highest-ranking elected official. Mayor Rosas' contact information is as follows: Phone: 716-366-9881, Email: [wrosas@cityofdunkirk.com](mailto:wrosas@cityofdunkirk.com), Mailing address: 342 Central Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048.

**6. Population:** The City of Dunkirk's population is 12,064 (2013-2017 American Community Survey)

**7. Other Factors Checklist:**

Other Factors	Page #
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be	1, 2, 3, & 6

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contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	<b>2</b>
The reuse of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or will incorporate energy efficiency measures.	<b>3</b>
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfield site(s) within the target area.	

- 8. Letter from the State or Tribal Environmental Authority:** A letter of support from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is attached.



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November 22, 2019

Rebecca Wurster  
Director of Planning and Development  
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Dunkirk, NY 14048

Dear Ms. Wurster:

This is to acknowledge that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) received a request from the City of Dunkirk, dated November 13, 2019, for a state acknowledgement letter for a Federal Year 2020 United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields grant.

I understand that the City of Dunkirk plans to submit a Brownfield Community-wide Assessment grant application for hazardous substances and petroleum in the amount of \$300,000. Focus of the funding will be to conduct Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments at 15 sites within the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) boundary based on the Phase II BOA Study and inventory of brownfield sites. Funding will also be allocated for reuse and remediation planning and to conduct associated community involvement activities. Please note that the USEPA criteria for an assessment grant specifies that, if selected, the City of Dunkirk may only expend up to \$200,000 of the grant on a specific site.

DEC encourages initiatives to redevelop brownfields with the goal of mitigating any environmental and health impacts that they might pose.

Sincerely,



Theodore Bennett  
Director  
Bureau of Program Management

cc: T. Wesley, USEPA Region 2  
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## City of Dunkirk Assessment Grant

### 1. PROJECT AREA DESCRIPTION AND PLANS FOR REVITALIZATION

#### a. Target Area and Brownfields

##### i. Background and Description of Target Area

The City of Dunkirk is the western most City in New York State and is located in the Southern Tier region of Western New York, within Chautauqua County. The City has a population of 12,064 people. It is approximately half-way between Buffalo, New York and Erie, Pennsylvania. The City is a waterfront community established on the shores of Lake Erie. During the 1840s, Dunkirk began to develop as a shipping port due to the City's large, natural harbor on Lake Erie. As a result, the Erie Railroad selected Dunkirk as its western terminus. Construction of the railroad brought thousands of settlers to the region. Dunkirk became a transportation and shipping center that was well suited for the manufacturing industry. Dunkirk continued to grow, and a locomotive manufacturing facility was built in the City and operated until the end of World War II. The success of the railroad and the development of the steel production industry fostered the development of the City of Dunkirk and created a prospering small City of approximately 20,000 people.

Like many rust-belt cities, the relatively small City of Dunkirk has suffered the consequences of loss of the historical manufacturing base. The global economy changed radically in the 1970s and the costs of doing business escalated, forcing manufacturing out of City, State and country. At this time Dunkirk saw its most drastic population loss at 9.2%. In addition, Dunkirk experienced the outcomes of urban renewal. Many lots were cleared, communities were displaced, and sky-rise, low-income housing was erected. Within the City of Dunkirk, locomotive assembly plants, metal foundries, steel manufacturing plants and metal fabrication facilities formerly employed thousands and occupied what are currently clusters of abandoned or underutilized brownfield industrial sites. The City has estimated that one-half of the City's industrial zoned land is currently vacant or underutilized. In fact, the number of vacant commercial and industrial parcels throughout the City is second only to those used for residential purposes and continues to grow. As the economic base shifted away from heavy industry, many of the City's businesses and residents moved out of the area and into the surrounding suburbs.

Today, the City struggles with numerous brownfield properties located along the lakefront, within the Central Business District (CBD), and within many vacant industrial sites. With the help of community partners, local leaders, and residents, the City of Dunkirk was able to identify the **Brownfield Opportunity Area Boundary (BOA Boundary)** and was designated a BOA Community by NYS Department of State in the 2018 (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xnYJWZRBWepHB5piCp6Hf5cqaAjAlXs9/view>). This BOA Boundary contains 15 sites as the target area for needed brownfield redevelopment. These sites are located on and near Lake Erie, in our CBD, and are in low-income neighborhoods in need of revitalization.

##### ii. Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)

The City of Dunkirk's Planning and Development Department with the help of the community, have identified 15 sites in the BOA Boundary that are clustered in three main areas in the City of Dunkirk. These brownfield sites are limiting redevelopment of Dunkirk's Waterfront, CBD, and industrial sites. Contamination of these sites ranges from hazardous substances to petroleum in the target area. The following three priority clusters have been identified in the target area:

The **NRG** target site consists of two adjoining parcels comprising 75.9 acres of land. The site is located within the northwestern portion of the City right along Dunkirk's waterfront. The majority of the property is occupied by a mothballed former coal fired power plant that was constructed in the early 1950s. The



plant contains four power generating units, coal storage, ash ponds, rail lines, and electrical substation. No publically available environmental assessments have been completed on the site. Based on the industrial use of the site for almost 70 years, the storage, generation and use of petroleum products and hazardous chemicals and known spills/releases highly likely indicated that there are environmental impacts on the site. This is the City's largest brownfield site and in order to redevelop the site, there needs to be a Phase I and II ESA of the site.

Sites **1 – 2 and 5 - 11** in the City's BOA Boundary are known and suspected brownfield sites within Dunkirk's **Waterfront target area**. These sites are clustered next to each other along the main road (Lake Shore Drive) that runs parallel to Lake Erie. The parcels not only boarder Lake Erie, but are also in the 100 year flood plain. Each parcel contains unique hazardous or petroleum contamination. This target site is key to revitalizing Dunkirk's waterfront and reversing Dunkirk's economic trend.

Within Dunkirk's **Central Business District** there are two vacant and underutilized sites that are a major priority for Phase I ESAs. These two sites are located downtown along Main Street in the CBD. Both sites have the possibility of hazardous contamination and are holes in the City's downtown. Dunkirk's CBD is highly vacant and the City is working on bring in new businesses and revitalizing this major corridor. The downtown area has Brooks Memorial Hospital (An entire City block in downtown Dunkirk) which will be moving to a new location. While the City is being proactive, and working with the Hospital to generate a RFP, there is major concern that once the hospital relocates, the site will sit vacant and many of the surrounding businesses in the CBD will move as well. It is extremely important that these brownfield sites in the CBD be redeveloped in order to create new revitalization downtown in order to reduce the impact the hospital leaving will have on the CBD.

#### **b. Revitalization of the Target Area**

##### **i. Reuse Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans**

Over the past three years the City of Dunkirk has completed its Phase II BOA Study and has updated its Comprehensive Plan. Within these two plans, reuse strategies have been developed for the target area brownfield sites. In addition, in partnership with Chautauqua County, the City is in the process of conducting a feasibility study and redevelopment strategy for the **NRG site**. Although there is not a final decision on the reuse of the site, the feasibility study will act as a document that helps guide the County and City in the next direction for the reuse of the site.

Dunkirk's BOA Study gives a detailed reuse strategy for Dunkirk's **Waterfront target area**. With many brownfields clustered at Dunkirk's waterfront, the reuse strategy calls for public and private investment. The vision includes maintaining public access to the waterfront, while working with private developers to bring in mixed use development along Lake Shore Dr. Based on community feedback, the public expressed the need for more shops and higher quality restaurants, a new hotel, condos and market rate apartments, new and exciting businesses that would attract young professionals, and an improved marina facility. Public improvements include a new plaza and bandshell along the waterfront.

The **CBD's** target sites are being considered for redevelopment as a new location for Jamestown Community College's North Campus. The current North Campus is located in a very rural area in the Town of Dunkirk. The City's Comprehensive Plan supports this redevelopment plan calling out the recommendation to enhance and bring in new forms of educational institutions to Downtown Dunkirk. The redevelopment of these sites as a community college campus would have a great impact on the surrounding businesses and bring more youth and overall traffic to the CBD.

##### **ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Reuse Strategy**

Reinvestment in Dunkirk's targeted BOA boundary areas will result in economic development that will revitalize vacant and underutilized sites, increase the tax base, bring in new businesses and jobs, create



sustainable development in Dunkirk's CBD, and enhance Dunkirk's Waterfront. The City believes that mixed use, private investment at these brownfield sites will be the catalyst for further private investment. The entire City of Dunkirk is designated an Opportunity Zone. Developers will be able to not only utilize the Brownfield Clean-up Program (BCP) incentives, but will also be able to leverage additional funding opportunities through the Opportunity Zone benefits.

The reuse strategies at the **Waterfront target area** will produce outcomes such as mixed-use redevelopment that includes new restaurants and shops, as well as, market rate apartments and condos. Dunkirk is currently lacking any new market rate apartments and lacks additional options when it comes to senior housing. Many of the recommendations from the community include the need for more market rate housing choices for empty nesters, young professionals, and seniors. Having these choices along the waterfront will fill this gap and bring in further investment to Dunkirk's waterfront and Downtown. Additionally the reuse strategy for the waterfront brownfield sites includes enhancing the private waterfront land and maintaining access to the waterfront for all. City residents will still be able to benefit from access to Dunkirk's waterfront trails and will be able to enjoy festivals and events at a new bandshell.

The ultimate goal for the **NRG** site is to come up with a reuse strategy that can utilize the site's current structure and infrastructure for redevelopment. Although the path is not yet finalized on what redevelopment strategy the County and City will be pursuing, renewable energy aspects are going to be encouraged in the plan. From what is currently known, the site is in great condition and sustainably redeveloping the site will be key in moving forward. The City will be able to better understand the site with Phase I and Phase II ESA. In addition to some form of renewable energy, the site is located on the shores of Lake Erie and within the BOA Phase II Study and the Comprehensive Plan, the community has stressed that they would like to see a continuation of the waterfront trail that is present on all of Dunkirk's waterfront expect at the NRG site. Having a continuous trail system would highly benefit the health of Dunkirk's residents, and bring in more tourists and recreation to the City's waterfront.

### **c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources**

#### **i. Resources needed for Site Reuse**

The City of Dunkirk will need to utilize multiple resources for site reuse of its targeted brownfields. Federal, state, and local funding and incentives will be used in order to get the right developers on board to further the communities reuse strategies. The City has already leveraged funding from NYS Department of State to conduct the BOA Phase II Study and funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission to conduct the NRG Feasibility and Redevelopment Plan. The table below indicates additional resources and incentives that the City will use for the reuse of the brownfield sites.

<b>Resources</b>	<b>Description</b>
NYS DEC Brownfield Cleanup Program	To encourage private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to promote their redevelopment as a means to revitalize economically blighted communities. The BCP is an alternative to greenfield development and is intended to remove some of the barriers to, and provide tax incentives for, the redevelopment of urban brownfields.
National Grid Brownfield Redevelopment	The Brownfield Redevelopment program provides grants to fund utility related infrastructure improvements and other costs that are necessary to progress the redevelopment of a brownfield site or vacant building.
EPA Brownfield Clean-Up Grant	Funding for cleanup activities at specific sites; up to \$500,000/grant with one or multiple sites included within the application and award. All priority sites are eligible, though the applicant must own the property and meet eligibility requirements set forth in the annual guidelines.



Opportunity Zone	The federal program encourages private investment in low-income urban and rural communities. An Opportunity Zone can receive funds from Opportunity Funds. Opportunity Funds provide investors the chance to put that money to work rebuilding the low to moderate income communities.
Historic Tax Credits	Owners of income producing real properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places may be eligible for a 20% federal income tax credit for the substantial rehabilitation of historic properties.
NYS Excelsior Jobs Program	Firms in the Excelsior Jobs Program may qualify for four fully refundable tax credits. Businesses claim the credits over a benefit period of up to 10 years. To earn credits, firms must first meet and maintain established job and investment thresholds outlined in Program Eligibility
NYS Consolidated Funding Application	The Consolidated Funding Application allows applicants to be considered for multiple sources of funding for a project by filling out just one application.
Chautauqua County Industrial Development Agency	Facilitate development by attracting new businesses, while promoting the retention and expansion of existing businesses. Assistance in the forms of incentives – tax abatements, low interest loans, and bond financing – enhances the opportunities for job creation and retention by our businesses.

## **ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure**

The City of Dunkirk is committed to sustainable redevelopment. All target brownfield sites contain existing power, water, natural gas, and sanitary sewer infrastructure. In some priority sites, the utilities may be connected, yet may require services to be turned on. The City has made major improvements to its existing roadways. Within the CBD, Central Avenue was recently paved in 2019. The street was also restriped with bike lanes and new colorful crosswalks to visually enhance the corridor and create new transportation methods. The City received a \$1.5 million dollar grant through NYS Department of Transportation to create more of a boulevard feel along Lake Shore Drive in the Waterfront district. Waterfront targeted brownfield sites will highly benefit from this complete street makeover.

## **2. COMMUNITY NEED AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **a. Community Need**

#### **i. The Community's Need for Funding**

The City of Dunkirk is a very small community of 12,064 people. 22.7% of Dunkirk's population is below the poverty level. This is 8.1% higher than the national poverty level. In addition, Dunkirk is a poor community with a median household income at just \$34,707. Much lower than the national median income of \$57,652. Dunkirk is unique in the fact that there is a high Hispanic population of 30.9%. Dunkirk prides itself on its diversity, yet understands that there are many challenges that impact the Hispanic community. Many of the City's low-income residents are Hispanic and need new opportunities to improve the overall quality of life in the City of Dunkirk. Dunkirk is currently defined by its vacant and underutilized brownfield sites. Within the targeted brownfield sites, higher percentages of the City's low-income housing are present. Brownfield sites have led to 4.2% of all of Dunkirk's housing to be identified as vacant or at high risk of vacancy. Dunkirk needs this funding to stop these current demographic trends. The City's tax revenues are falling and therefore the City cannot afford to fund community wide Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. The City's budget is constrained and the Planning and Development Department does not have the adequate staff or knowledge to conduct these much needed assessments. If the City does not receive funding for the target sites, then disinvestment will continue and the City will continue down a negative slope.



## **ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations**

### **(1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations**

The City's most sensitive populations include the previously mentioned low-income Hispanic population and low-income seniors. Seniors make up approximately 21.7% of the target area population and the Hispanic population is 30.9% of the target population (2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates). A large percentage of Dunkirk's low-income seniors and Hispanic population live in Dunkirk's low-income apartments. These housing authority apartments are located directly next to and surrounding the targeted brownfield sites that are proposed for assessment. These brownfield sites that are directly next to these low-income apartments are negatively impacting the health and welfare of Dunkirk's seniors and Hispanic population.

### **(2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions**

Contaminated sites pose a risk to sensitive populations such the elderly, woman of child-bearing age and children that are still developing. The sites being targeted for redevelopment in Dunkirk have various levels of contamination and exist in areas that are home to these sensitive populations. These populations are at risk to potentially suffer health impacts that include the following:

<b>Source</b>	<b>Possible Health Impacts</b>
Asbestos	Lung cancer, mesothelioma, asbestosis
Petroleum	Acute impacts to nervous and respiratory systems/chronic impacts to major organs, including cancer
Heavy Metals	Acute impacts on skin/chronic impacts to nervous system, reproductive system, and major organs. Vapors can cause respiratory impairment, neurotoxicity and cancers.
Solvents	Acute and chronic impacts to bodily organs, impaired neurological development in children, impacts to nervous systems, cancer.

Populations in the target area tend to suffer from a greater-than-normal incidence of diseases or conditions (including cancer, asthma, or birth defects) that may be associated with exposure to hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or petroleum. For example, according to the CDC state profile for incidents of asthma in New York State, there is shown to be a statistically significant higher incidence of adult lifetime asthma prevalence in New York State compared to the entire U.S. ([https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/stateprofiles/Asthma\\_in\\_NYS.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/asthma/stateprofiles/Asthma_in_NYS.pdf)). The same trend holds true for child lifetime asthma prevalence in New York State compared to 38 participating states' rates. According to the Chautauqua County 2016-2018 Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan, the age-adjusted incidence rate for all cancers was significantly higher in Chautauqua County than New York State for all cancers (559.4 per 100,000, compared to 489.2, respectively). Cancer sites that were significantly elevated over the state rates included lip, oral cavity, and pharynx cancer and prostate cancer. In addition, according to the New York State's Department of Health "Environmental Facilities and Cancer Map" application, Chautauqua County has a higher incidence of prostate cancer than expected over a five-year average from 2011-2015 (NYS DOH 2019).

### **(3) Disproportionately Impacted Populations**

Environmental justice is a major concern in low income, minority and disadvantaged communities that often times carry the additional burden of possessing a disproportionate number of sites that have environmental contamination/pollution. Many of the sites within the Targeted Area of Dunkirk are located in environmental justice sensitive communities. These populations are particularly sensitive to



disproportionately being impacted by potential environmental contaminants from former industrial sites. Often times the children in these household are still growing/developing and the families may not have the financial means to relocate to areas away from former industrial sites and their related environmental concerns. These contaminated sites, and/or vacant sites have tended to reduce the property values and discourage investment in these areas of Dunkirk. Job growth and economic development within the City of Dunkirk and the Targeted Area has been somewhat limited, with individuals oftentimes needing to commute to other communities to find employment. This is a burden to families below the poverty line who may not have access to reliable transportation to apply for these jobs and improve their financial situation. By assessing brownfield sites within the Targeted Area, providing prospective developers with important information on environmental conditions at targeted sites, it would serve to improve the likelihood that existing businesses would expand in these areas – or new businesses come to the area – and result both in both cleaning up of potentially contaminated sites and also redeveloping the area and creating additional jobs for the local community.

## **b. Community Engagement**

### **i. Project Partners**

The City of Dunkirk is committed to working with local and regional partners and community organizations to keep them updated and informed and to allow input throughout all phases of the project. Below is a list of the partners that the City believes will have important roles in this project.

### **ii. Project Partner Roles**

Partner Name	Point of Contact	Specific Role in the Project
Chautauqua Region Economic Development Corporation	Mark Geise <a href="mailto:GeiseM@co.chautauqua.ny.us">GeiseM@co.chautauqua.ny.us</a> 716-661-8902	Facilitate development by attracting new businesses, while promoting the City's brownfield sites that are having Phase I and II ESAs done.
Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation Local Economic Development Initiative	Patty Hammond <a href="mailto:phammond@nccfoundation.org">phammond@nccfoundation.org</a> 716-366-4892	Help develop reassess the brownfield site list and help determine if any sites are missing.
Revitalize Dunkirk	Steve Rees <a href="mailto:RevitalizeDunkirk@gmail.com">RevitalizeDunkirk@gmail.com</a> 716-366-0505	The nonprofit community organization will help with community outreach and attend all community meetings.
Lake Erie Management Commission	Dave McCoy <a href="mailto:McCoyD@co.chautauqua.ny.us">McCoyD@co.chautauqua.ny.us</a> 716-661-8915	Provide guidance during the redevelopment planning process of priority sites in Dunkirk's waterfront target area due to the proximity to Lake Erie.
Dunkirk Chamber of Commerce	David Kleparek <a href="mailto:dkleparek@chautauquachamber.org">dkleparek@chautauquachamber.org</a> 716-672-9873	Will assist with community outreach efforts for the priority sites and act as an interface between the city and the local business community.

### **iii. Incorporating Community Input**

The City of Dunkirk has and will continue to engage the community in the planning, implementation, and other brownfield assessment activities needed to revitalize the City of Dunkirk's brownfield sites. The City has recently completed its Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Phase II Study, which identified 15 suspected and known brownfield sites in the City. The study included a community outreach plan that comprised of newspaper, radio, and online updates on the study. It also involved community workshops and meetings to gain input and support for the study's 15 sites. The workshops also included getting ideas for what the public would like to see at these sites.



The City plans to build on the success of the BOA Study by providing its citizens and community organizations ample opportunity to provide more input in the assessment phase of the project. If awarded, the City of Dunkirk will announce the grant funding in the local newspaper ([www.observertoday.com](http://www.observertoday.com)), a notice on the City's website ([www.Dunkirktoday.com](http://www.Dunkirktoday.com)), and advertised on the local access 12 cable channel and local radio stations. The City of Dunkirk has a large Hispanic population, therefore materials will be circulated in Spanish as well. In addition, the City holds public economic development meetings once a month. The project will be on the agenda at each meeting to be discussed, updated, and to here from the public and other departments.

Once a work plan and budget have been approved and contracts are complete with the EPA, the City of Dunkirk will hold three community meetings throughout the course of the project. The first meeting will present a background on the project and the preferred sites that have been suggested for assessment. Here the community will have the opportunity to address any other sites that the City may be missing or that the community feels should not be on the assessment list. After this meeting the list and project description will be made available for public comment so that those that could not make the meeting, could be involved. The second public meeting will include a presentation from the consultants that will be hired for the assessments, as well as, from Chautauqua County on the work that the City and County have been doing in regards to brownfield redevelopment. Lastly, once assessments are complete, a presentation on the outcomes and information learned will be presented. All meetings concerning the project will be held at the Fredonia Incubator, a centrally located meeting space and will be held after work hours to accommodate busy work schedules.

### 3. TASK DESCRIPTIONS, COST ESTIMATES, AND MEASURING PROGRESS

#### a. Description of Tasks/Activities and Outputs

<b>Task 1 - Inventory and Community Outreach</b>	
<b>i. Project Implementation:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An inventory of the priority sites was already conducted in the BOA Study, yet the City, its consultants, partners, and the community members will continue to look at additional sites that may have been missed in the first inventory or that have grown in priority.</li> <li>The City believes that it is important to gain community insight on the project. In coordination with the consultants, the City will hold three community outreach meetings. These meetings will include a kick-off meeting at the beginning of the grant, community update towards the middle of the grant, and final presentation on the results of the project.</li> </ul>	
<b>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule:</b> Inventory Review: 1 month; Community Meetings: 3 throughout the grant's existence.	
<b>iii. Task/Activity Lead:</b> Consultants, City of Dunkirk Planning and Development Department, and project partners.	
<b>iv. Outputs:</b> Inventory list, meeting agendas, meeting flyers, meeting minutes from each community meeting, attendance sheets from each community meeting, and a community outreach report.	
<b>Task 2 - Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs)</b>	
<b>i. Project Implementation:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There will be ten Phase I ESAs (six hazardous and four petroleum sites) and 4 Phase II ESAs (two hazardous and two petroleum sites).</li> <li>The City's Planning and Development Department will hire a qualified environmental consultant to complete the Phase I and II ESAs and will provide grant administration throughout the entire project.</li> </ul>	
<b>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule:</b> Priority brownfield sites will be completed in the first year and if the budget allows, additional Phase I and II ESAs will be completed in years 2 and 3 of the grant.	



<b>iii. Task/Activity Lead:</b> Consultants and City of Dunkirk Planning and Development Department
<b>iv. Outputs:</b> Project Profiles will be developed for each assessment. Phase I and II ESAs will be completed for the priority sites and additional sites if funding allows.
<b>Task 3 - Cleanup Planning</b>
<b>i. Project Implementation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cleanup Planning will include a plan for redeveloping the priority brownfield sites and implementation strategies for developing and utilizing resources.</li> <li>Information that is gathered from the phase I and II ESAs will be elevated in the cleanup planning phase and will help identify the necessary information needed to fund and implement the cleanup.</li> <li>The cleanup planning will also focus on the anticipated endues for the sites that have come from the public input and what can actually be planned on the sites based on each assessment.</li> </ul>
<b>ii. Anticipated Project Schedule:</b> The cleanup planning will take place after the Phase I and II ESAs are complete for the priority brownfield sites. The planning should take roughly 6 months. If funding remains, additional cleanup planning will take place for non-priority brownfield sites.
<b>iii. Task/Activity Lead:</b> Consultants, City of Dunkirk Planning and Development Department, and project partners.
<b>iv. Outputs:</b> Cleanup planning documents, safe reuse plans, brownfield cleanup alternatives and brownfield plans.

**b. Cost Estimates**

Budget Categories		Project Tasks (\$) Hazardous Sites			
		Task 1: Inventory and Community Outreach	Task 2: Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs)	Task 3: Cleanup Planning	Total
Direct Costs	Personnel				
	Fringe Benefits				
	Travel	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
	Equipment	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
	Supplies	\$500.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
	Contractual	\$2,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$101,000.00
	Other				
Total Direct Costs		\$4,500.00	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$104,500.00
Total Indirect Costs					
<b>Total Hazardous Budget</b>		\$4,500.00	\$80,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$104,500.00
Budget Categories		Project Tasks (\$) Petroleum Sites			
		Task 1: Inventory and Community Outreach	Task 2: Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs)	Task 3: Cleanup Planning	Total
Direct Costs	Personnel				
	Fringe Benefits				
	Travel	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
	Equipment	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
	Supplies	\$500.00		\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
	Contractual	\$3,000.00	\$160,000.00	\$29,000.00	\$192,000.00
	Other				
Total Direct Costs		\$5,500.00	\$160,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$195,500.00
Total Indirect Costs					
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*Task 1: Inventory and Community Outreach (\$10,000)*

- Travel:* Two staff members traveling to two conferences averaging two days each. Flight \$200/flight, \$120/hotel room, plus \$30 dollar meal expense/day.
- Equipment:* New laptop for public meetings \$1,100 and ArcGIS Program \$500, Microsoft Office Suite \$150, Adobe Creative Suite \$250.
- Supplies:* \$1,000 Maps, Copies, meeting materials, publishing fees, and mailings.
- Contractual:* 50 hours at an average rate of \$100/hour.

*Task 2: Environmental Site Assessments (\$240,000)*

- Contractual:* 10 Phase I ESAs: average estimated cost at \$8,000 per ESA  
4 Phase II ESAs: average estimated cost of 3 at \$20,000 each and 1 at \$100,000

*Task 3: Cleanup Planning (\$50,000)*

- Supplies:* \$2,000 Materials for meetings, copies, maps, and publishing fees.
- Contractual:* \$48,000 for 14 priority sites with analysis of brownfield cleanup alternatives.

**c. Measuring Environmental Results**

As a requirement of the grant, the City will submit quarterly reports to the EPA Project Coordinator. These reports will contain information on where we are in the project, financial expenditures, issues that were encountered, results on the data, and next steps. Our consultants will create project profiles for each assessment to better understand contaminants on the sites and what actions need to be completed in order to get the property one step closer to redevelopment. At the project's completion, the City will submit a final report that includes the outcomes of each assessment. The City will follow EPA's ACRES reporting system. This tracking system will allow the City and EPA to keep track of the assessments and determine next steps for either moving on to a phase II ESA (if needed), determining how to cleanup a site (if needed), or marketing a site that may not have as many environmental issues as thought.

**4. PROGRAMMATIC CAPABILITY AND PAST PERFORMANCE**

**a. Programmatic Capability**

**i/ii. Organizational Structure/Description of Key Staff**

The City of Dunkirk's Planning and Development Department will administer the assessment grant with the assistance from a selected environmental consultant. The Planning and Development Department's key staff that will be working on this project includes: Wilfred Rosas, Mayor; Rebecca Wurster, Director; EJ Hayes, Deputy Director; and Jill Meaux, Community Development Planner. Director Wurster will act as the project manager and lead for the entire project. She will be in charge of getting contracts in place between the City and EPA, developing an RFP for an environmental consultant, be a part of the committee to select the consultant, give updates to the City's Council and economic development boards, coordinate work with the consultant, and communicate progress to other city departments and the community. Director Wurster has a Master's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning and has five years' experience in municipal government. She has administered many projects that have been successfully completed in the past 3 years with the City of Dunkirk.

Deputy Hayes will be highly involved in the project as well. He will help select the consultant as well as represent the City at project meetings and community meetings. Deputy Hayes will write press releases and update the City's website with project information when necessary. He will also be a second contact between the City and the consultant that is hired for the job. Deputy Hayes has a positive track record in community planning and outreach. He has been with the City for 2.5 years and has assisted the Director in the completion of multiple projects.



Lastly, the City will include a portion of the project be focused on community engagement. Jill Meaux will be brought in to support this role. Jill will set up the community meetings and agendas. She will help facilitate and develop the press for these meetings. In addition, Mayor Rosas is very much in support of this project. Mayor will attend as many project meetings and community meetings as he can. The Mayor is going on his second term and has been very involved in the BOA Phase II Study as well as the partnership between the County and City's brownfield coalition. The Mayor was a State Trooper in his past profession and his leadership experience ensures that the City will complete a successful assessment grant.

### **iii. Acquiring Additional Resources**

The City plans on hiring a highly competent environmental consultant to conduct the Phase I and II environmental assessments. The City has a procurement policy in place and has managed consultant procurement on many local, state, and federal projects. The City will publish a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultants to respond to. The City will grade consultant's proposals based on past experience working on and managing Brownfield programs, conducting brownfield inventory, developing Phase I and II ESAs, brownfield marketing, and redevelopment planning. The selected consultant will assist with project management, monthly project meetings, community meetings, and environmental and technical work to conduct the community with assessments.

### **b. Past Performance and Accomplishments**

#### **ii. Has Not Received an EPA Brownfields Grant but has Received Other Federal or Non-Federal Assistance Agreements**

The City of Dunkirk has not received a U.S. EPA brownfields grant in the past, but has and currently manages multiple federal grants of a similar amount. The City's most recent federal grants in size, scope, and relevance to the project can be seen below.

#### **(1) Purpose and Accomplishments**

- **NYS Department of State Grant** (2014-2018) - \$303,750 for the City's Phase II Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Study to identify the City's priority brownfield sites and boundary.
- **Appalachian Regional Commission POWER Grant** (2018-2019) - \$60,000 to conduct a NRG feasibility study and redevelopment plan for a mothballed, brownfield power plant in the City of Dunkirk.
- **HUD CDBG Grant** (2019) - \$474,831.00 in funding for homeownership programs, slum and blight removal, low-income afterschool programs, and infrastructure improvements and repairs.

The three grant funded projects above reflect the City's commitment and ability to administer and implement projects that are working towards eliminating brownfields and revitalizing Dunkirk's neighborhoods. By conducting an inventory of brownfield sites, the City is now able to apply for this assessment grant to move forward with brownfield redevelopment.

#### **(2) Compliance with Grant Requirements**

The City of Dunkirk has successfully complied with not only the federal, state and local grants listed above. But has also, complied and implemented 22 additional grant funded projects under the leadership of Mayor Rosas and Director Wurster over the past 4 years. The City has no issue with compiling with the grant requirements established in this assessment grant. The City will develop a work plan, sign off on terms and conditions, complete QAPP and Site Specific QAPP approvals, follow eligibility determinations, develop Health and Safety Plans, produce quarterly reports, and submit financial status reports.



## **Threshold Criteria**

### **1. Applicant Eligibility**

The City of Dunkirk is an eligible entity for the Community Wide Assessment Grant. The City of Dunkirk is a General Purpose Unit of Local Government under 2 CFR 200.64 and was incorporated as a city in New York in 1880.

### **2. Community Involvement**

The City of Dunkirk has and will continue to engage the community in the planning, implementation, and other brownfield assessment activities needed to revitalize the City of Dunkirk's brownfield sites. The City has recently completed its Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Phase II Study, which identified 15 suspected and known brownfield sites in the City. The study included a community outreach plan that comprised of newspaper, radio, and online updates on the study. It also involved community workshops and meetings to gain input and support for the study's 15 sites. The workshops also included getting ideas for what the public would like to see at these sites.

The City plans to build on the success of the BOA Study by providing its citizens and community organizations ample opportunity to provide more input in the assessment phase of the project. If awarded, the City of Dunkirk will announce the grant funding in the local newspaper ([www.observertoday.com](http://www.observertoday.com)), a notice on the City's website ([www.Dunkirktoday.com](http://www.Dunkirktoday.com)), and advertised on the local access 12 cable channel and local radio stations. The City of Dunkirk has a large Hispanic population, therefore materials will be circulated in Spanish as well. In addition, the City holds public economic development meetings once a month. The project will be on the agenda at each meeting to be discussed, updated, and to hear from the public and other departments.

Once a work plan and budget have been approved and contracts are complete with the EPA, the City of Dunkirk will hold three community meetings throughout the course of the project. The first meeting will present a background on the project and the preferred sites that have been suggested for assessment. Here the community will have the opportunity to address any other sites that the City may be missing or that the community feels should not be on the assessment list. After this meeting the list and project description will be made available for public comment so that those that could not make the meeting, could be involved. The second public meeting will include a presentation from the consultants that will be hired for the assessments, as well as, from Chautauqua County on the work that the City and County have been doing in regards to brownfield redevelopment. Lastly, once assessments are complete, a presentation on the outcomes and information learned will be presented. All meetings concerning the project will be held at the Fredonia Incubator, a centrally located meeting space and will be held after work hours to accommodate busy work schedules.

### **3. Expenditure of Assessment Grant Funds**

The City of Dunkirk does not have an active EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.





ANDREW GOODELL  
Assemblyman 150<sup>th</sup> District

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November 19, 2019

Alison Devine  
EPA Region 2  
290 Broadway; 25<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10007-1866

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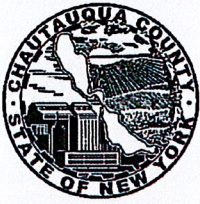
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Please contact me if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Andy Goodell  
Assemblyman





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November 18, 2019

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Sincerely,

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Donald McCord, Director

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*George M. Borrello, County Executive*  
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November 15, 2019

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Kevin P. Kearns, Ph. D.,  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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November 14, 2019

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Sincerely,

Mary E. LaRowe  
President & CEO



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23RD DISTRICT, NEW YORK

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November 15, 2019

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New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: City of Dunkirk- Brownfields Assessment Grant

Dear Ms. Devine,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support to the City of Dunkirk in its funding application through the Environmental Protection Agency for the FY20 Brownfields Assessment Grant Program.

The City of Dunkirk has multiple brownfield sites, 15 of which were identified in the Phase II Brownfield Opportunity Area Study, and have been targeted for clean-up and redevelopment.

If approved, the City of Dunkirk will conduct a community-wide assessment of brownfields within the City. The project's focus will be on the assessment of sites contaminated by hazardous/petroleum substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).

I urge the EPA to give full and fair consideration to this grant request as a matter of community development and environmental protection. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,



Tom Reed  
Member of Congress

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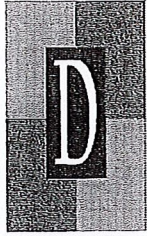
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*An Affiliate of the Chautauqua County Chamber of Commerce*

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County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency

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Mark Geise  
CEO of the County of Chautauqua Industrial Development Agency





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Thomas J. Whitney  
Executive Director



## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

\* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

\* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

\* Other (Specify):

\* 3. Date Received:

12/02/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

City of Dunkirk

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

City of Dunkirk

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

City of Dunkirk

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

New York

### 8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

\* a. Legal Name:

City of Dunkirk

\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

\* c. Organizational DUNS:

0941763100000

### d. Address:

\* Street1:

342 Central Avenue

Street2:

\* City:

Dunkirk

County/Parish:

Chautauqua

\* State:

NY: New York

Province:

\* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code:

14048-2122

### e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Planning and Development

Division Name:

### f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

\* First Name:

Rebecca

Middle Name:

M

\* Last Name:

Wurster

Suffix:

Title:

Planning and Development Director

Organizational Affiliation:

\* Telephone Number:

716-366-9879

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## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

### \* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-19-05

\* Title:

FY20 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANTS

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

### 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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### \* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Dunkirk Community-Wide Assessment Grant

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**\* a. Applicant \* b. Program/Project 

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

**17. Proposed Project:**\* a. Start Date: \* b. End Date: **18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="300,000.00"/>

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name:

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

Suffix:

\* Title: \* Telephone Number:  Fax Number: \* Email: \* Signature of Authorized Representative:  \* Date Signed: